GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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CRICKET RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided not to play any cricket match with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any request has been received from the BCCI Chairman to this effect; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON.RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) : As per its existing policy, the Government does not consider it appropriate to play bilateral matches against Pakistan. The Government has also taken a decision not to play matches on non - regular venues at least for 3 years. There is generally no objection to play against Pakistan in multi-lateral matches. However, the decision about a specific exposure is taken in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External affairs keeping various facts in view including security implications prevalent at that point of time.

(c) & (d) : A proposal has been received from BCCI for participation in Triangular series in Bangladesh involving Pakistan scheduled from January 1-14,2002. The proposal is under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs and a final decision is yet to be taken in this regard.